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TAGS: SREF, PINT, XD
SUBJECT: (U) NWFP GOVERNOR ON THE AFGHAN REFUGEES

1. (U) NORTH-WEST FRONTIER PROVINCE GOVERNOR LT. GEN.
HAQ USED SEPTEMBER 1 MEETING WITH LOCAL MANAGEMENT
TRAINING TO DEFEND THE CONDUCT OF THE MORE THAN TWO MILLION
AFGHAN REFUGEES RESIDING IN HIS PROVINCE AND TO CAUTION
FRONTIER INHABITANTS AGAINST A PROPAGANDA CAMPAIGN "LAUNCHED
BY A VICIOUS CIRCLE AGAINST THE REFUGEES" WITH "NO OTHER
MOTIVES BUT TO CREATE A GULF OF DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE
LOCALS AND THE REFUGEES."

2. (U) AS QUOTED IN THE FOLLOWING B6'S "KHYBER MAIL,"
HAQ POINTED TO "CONCOCTED, HIGHLY EXAGGERATED AND BASELESS
STORIES" IN A SECTION OF THE PRESS AND PROCEEDED TO REFUTE
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THOSE ALLEGATIONS WHICH ARE GENERALLY LEVELLED AGAINST THE
REFUGEES (NO DETAILS GIVEN). HAQ POINTED OUT THAT THE PEOPLE
OF PAKISTAN AND AFGHANISTAN ARE LINKED THROUGH A LONG HISTORY
OF RELATIONS AND NOTED THAT AFGHANISTAN HAD PREVIOUSLY WELCOMED
A LARGE NUMBER OF INDIAN MUSLIM REFUGEES DURING THE KHALAFAT
MOVEMENT PRIOR TO PARTITION OF THE SUBCONTINENT. HE ADDED
THAT THE AFGHAN REFUGEES HAVE BEEN GIVEN TEMPORARY SHELTER
ON HUMANITARIAN AND ISLAMIC GROUNDS AND LAUDED THEIR DISCIPLINE
AND CHARACTER AS WELL AS THE "EXCELLENT BEHAVIOR" ON THE PART
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OF THE LOCAL PEOPLE OF NWFP AND THE TRIBAL AGENCIES.

3. BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE: COMMENT: THE GOVERNOR REMAINS A STRONG SUPPORTER OF CONTINUED HUMANITARIAN AID TO THE AFGHAN REFUGEES BUT IS OBVIOUSLY CONCERNED THAT REFUGEE-LOCAL TENSIONS COULD ERODE SUPPORT WITHIN PAKISTAN FOR THE GOP'S FIRM STAND ON AFGHANISTAN AND ITS POLICY OF REFUGE AND SUCCOR TO THE REFUGEES. OCCASIONAL BUT SOMETIMES SERIOUS DISPUTES OVER WATER AND GRAZING LAND AND A GENERAL UNDERCURRENT OF DISCOMFORT OVER THE APPARENT INCREASING PERMANENCE OF THE REFUGEES AND THEIR INVOLVEMENT IN THE LOCAL ECONOMY JUSTIFY HIS CONCERN. WE WOULD AGREE WITH HIM THAT BY AND LARGE THE BEHAVIOR OF BOTH THE REFUGEES AND THEIR HOSTS HAS SO FAR BEEN COMMENDABLE. END L. O. U. LORTON

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